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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS COVERAGE OF AEGEAN DISPUTE

1. PRIMIN DEMIREL, IN DISCUSSING THE AEGEAN SITUATION
WITH REPORTERS AUGUST 10, ASKED RHETORICALLY, "WHY
ARE THE GREEKS GOING TO WAR? THE HORA (SISMIK) IS
CONDUCTING RESEARCH IN WATERS WHICH DO NOT BELONG TO GREECE.
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WHAT WILL THEY GAIN BY FIGHTING FOR IT AND TO WHOM WILL THEY

BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THIS WAR?...WE ARE NOT DOING ANYTHING
WRONG...I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THEY BECAME ALARMED. THE
GREEKS HAVE ALREADY MADE THEIR SURVEYS IN THE AEGEAN. WE HAVE
THE RIGHT TO MAKE SURVEYS AND WE ARE EXERCISING OUR FIGHTS.
ARE WE NOT ABLE TO GO OUT FROM CANAKKALE? WE WANT PEACE BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THEY SHOULD NOT ESCALATE HOSTILITIES."

2. THE AUGUST 11 TURKISH PRESS GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO THE
AEGEAN DISPUTE. NOTORIOUSLY ANTI-GREEK HURRIYET FEATURED
REPRODUCTIONS OF HEADLINES FROM GREEK PAPERS STATING THAT
THE "HORA IS TRANSGRESSING ON OUR CONTINENTAL SHELF."
ACCORDING TO A HURRIYET HEADLINE "TELEPHONE DIPLOMACY HAD BEGUN
AGAIN." THE ARTICLE ALLEGED THAT SEC. KISSINGER HAD PHONED PRIMIN
DEMIREL AND FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL FROM PARIS. HURRIYET ALSO REPORTED
THAT GREEK AIRPLANES AND DESTROYERS HAD FOLLOWED AND
COME CLOSE TO A TURKISH FERRY BOAT, THE TRUVA, DURING ITS
VOYAGE TO IZMIR AUGUST 10.
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